

I am opposed to the passage of Docket 03-104 for the following reason: In all likelihood, interference to the amateur radio service and shortwave in general will be a result. Please keep in mind the resources that amateur radio provides in the technical areas of antenna research, digital communications, weak-signal communications and others. Many amateurs possess highly technical degrees and see amateur radio as a vehicle which allows them to pursue their technically leading-edge interests.

Amateur radio provides a public service and emergency communication aspect, especially here in Florida with the hurricanes that come over or near to the state. Many times I've heard amateurs providing public service messages when all other means of communication were down.

BPL systems that radiate on wide swaths of spectrum and occupy entire neighborhoods have greater interference potential than localized systems, such as switching power supplies or electric motors.

The FCC has promised to protect licensed users of the spectrum.

Thank you for your consideration.